

MID-SOUTH REGION NEWSLETTER

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I want to welcome Cindy Wilson (Houston & Bryan/College Station, TX) as our newest ambassador in our region. She splits time living in both Houston and the Bryan/College Station area and “Aggieland” will be her main responsibility. Cindy has been addicted to pb for about four years and really enjoys the game as a great source of exercise. She has participated in several tournaments and is excited to be a part of growing pb in Aggieland.

Cindy plays on a senior basketball team and has already enticed her teammates as well as their husbands in playing pb. She is working with a church that has a gym to use as a venue while also being in contact with the local recreation department.

I know she will do a great job in Bryan and College Station.

Peggy Cobb (Oklahoma City West) notes that pb is pretty much back to normal in Moore, OK. Several players from the OKC PB Club recently volunteered to gather at a fellow picklers house in Moore to assist in cleaning up her elderly neighbor’s yard (from tornado). Flowers were also planted. GREAT DONATION OF TIME AND EFFORT.

Vicky Noakes (Greater OK City) has begun to provide OKC PB Club members, for those who want it, the OKC PB calendar for their cell phone. A gmail.com e-mail address is required (free) as well as the calendar (free).

Dallas May (north Mississippi) reports that several members of the Olive Branch, MS YMCA PB Club competed in the recent MS SOG (Senior Olympic Games). Twelve members hauled twenty medals home, including ten gold. Congratulations.

Eddie "Peachie" Landry (Lafayette, LA) and Barbara "BB" Helms met on a pickleball court. After falling in love, they recently got married on a pickleball court. Regular play stopped for the wedding, and resumed soon after the bridal dance. I am not a fashion expert, but I can tell you that overall, dress was VERY informal. So as not to liter the floor with rice, as the couple made their way in front of the bleachers, they were pelted with pickleballs. A great time was had by all.

Sharon Richard (Lafayette, LA) just got back from participating in three tournaments in the state of Michigan. While there, she went to Big Rapids, MI and attended a city council meeting. The mayor, nor any of the council members had heard of pb. One of the topics up for discussion was adding pb lines to a tennis court/s that was/were being refurbished. After discussion, the tennis people decided to 'allow' pb lines with the same brightness as the tennis lines. Sharon was one who got up and spoke, saying that if both sports played and used the courts, it would benefit more people in their community. The mayor said that he had never had a Louisianan talk at his meeting. Sharon was also noted for her "gift of gab". Nuff said.

Our Mid-South Regional tournament went very well. We had a little over 200 players with the stiffest competition in our five year history. We added a 5.0 bracket this year to the normal age groups (from birth to 80+) and all I can say is ... WOW.

Mid-South finished on Sunday and Susan and I got home Monday. I left that evening for New Orleans to fly to Syracuse, NY to play in their state games. Had a great time and hopefully, talked some of them into coming down to Mid-South next year.